

COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Kamenz Airfield and Panzer Kaserne in Kamenz

EVALUATION see below

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

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1. On 14 October 1952, construction work was still going on in the western portion of the Panzer Kaserne at Kamenz, on garages in the northern portion of the installation, and on buildings on Macher Strasse. The Panzer Kaserne quartered an estimated 1,500 VP. Source learned from VP personnel that a VP unit was concerned. In early October, the dispensary which was previously occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets appeared to be evacuated. On 23 September, 5 soldiers who wore blue epaulets were still seen in the barracks area. On 14 August, gate No 1 on Macher Strasse which was previously by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets, was closed. Gates No 2 and 3 were guarded by VP double sentries, while gate No 4 was guarded by a member of the VP, who was armed with a rifle. The observation towers in the barracks area were occupied by one VP sentry each. On 14 October, source observed that the VP personnel were wearing new uniforms with wings on the collar patches. Two Soviet soldiers who wore blue epaulets were seen at the installation near the guardhouse.¹

2. On 14 October, source observed 13 canvas-covered, low-wing monoplanes at Kamenz airfield along the Kamenz-Zschornau highway. Six caterpillar tractors were parked at the southeastern edge of the installation. No activities were observed at the field. The aircraft were guarded by a VP sentry; another VP sentry armed with a rifle was seen at the gate south of the spur track.²

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4. On 4 October, source observed that 300 to 400 men were employed at the field, which was occupied by aircraft. 25X1B

5. On 15 October, source observed school flying at the field from a passing train. Ten single-engine, low-wing monoplanes fitted with radial engines, rigid landing gears and mounted cabins with crews of two in tandem were observed flying.²

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Comment. The Panzer Kaserne at Kamenz quarters a VP air regiment. The former dispensary quartered a rear detail of the Soviet Army unit, which was previously stationed at the installation. It is possible that this rear detail has left in the meantime. It is believed that Soviet Air Force instructors are attached to the VP air regiment.

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- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. According to available information a total of 45 to 50 trainers, most of them probably of type Yak-18 have been made available for the VP airforce. These aircraft are stationed at Bentzen, Kozenz and Cottbus airfields. [] 25X1
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- 25X1A 3. [] Comment. The vehicles are Soviet Army vehicles which probably belonged to the Soviet rear detail at the installation.

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